

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-8. (Canceled).

9. (Currently Amended): A rear suspension for a vehicle body having a vehicle body, the suspension comprising:

a piston and cylinder adapted to be secured relative to the vehicle body, said piston having a rearward extending piston rod;

a bracket adapted to be secured relative to the vehicle body at a position rearward of said piston and cylinder, said bracket defining a slot extending at least partly in a vertical direction relative to the vehicle and said ~~let~~ slot being configured and dimensioned to receive a pivotally mounted forward end of a suspension trailing arm; and

a linking member extending between said piston rod and bracket slot wherein the linking member is configured for pivotal connection with the suspension trailing arm and vertically moveable in said slot.

10. (Original): The rear suspension of claim 9, further comprising a biasing element disposed to bias said piston in a forward direction.

11. (Original): The rear suspension of claim 10, wherein said cylinder communicates with a vehicle brake system such that the piston rod is extended when vehicle brakes are applied.